

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - December 2009

Location	Date/Time	Deaths & Injuries	Property & Crop Dmg	Event Type and Details
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ILLINOIS, Central

(IL-Z051) SANGAMON

12/19/09 00:00 CST	0	Winter Weather
12/19/09 12:00 CST	0	

A fast-moving upper-level disturbance tracked through central Illinois on December 19, 2009, bringing a period of light snow to the area. Total snowfall was generally around 1 inch...with higher amounts northwest of the Illinois River. Due to the light accumulation of snow, many area roads became slick and hazardous. As a result, a few traffic accidents were reported. The most serious accident involved a car on I-55 in Springfield that skidded off the road and hit a light post, killing the driver.

(IL-Z029) PEORIA, (IL-Z038) MCLEAN, (IL-Z050) MORGAN, (IL-Z051) SANGAMON, (IL-Z053) MACON, (IL-Z055) DOUGLAS, (IL-Z056) COLES

12/25/09 18:00 CST	0	Winter Weather
12/27/09 18:00 CST	0	

A complex and slow-moving system brought an extended period of snow to central Illinois from December 25th through December 27th. The first wave of significant snow occurred during the night of December 25th through midday on the 26th. Due to favorable temperature and moisture conditions aloft, very large snow flakes were produced, resulting in impressive snowfall rates. By the time the wave departed the area by the late afternoon of December 26th, a wide swath of 3 to 6 inch snow accumulations had occurred along and west of the Illinois River. A weaker wave brought another period of light snow during the morning of December 27th. By the time the precipitation ended, all of central Illinois had picked up between 3 and 5 inches of snow, with 7 to 9 inch amounts common along and west of the Illinois River. Due to the prolonged period of snow, numerous traffic accidents occurred around the area.